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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification

Page 1, line 3, before "Field of the Invention", insert the following:

-- Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This is a 371 of PCT/US99/10751, which claims the benefit of the  
priority of US Patent Application No. 60/085,714, filed May 15, 1998 --.

Page 18, line 21, after "-Cys", insert -- [SEQ ID NO: 5] --.

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